

MARKSMEN KEEN FOR BIG TOURNAMENT AT SEA GIRT

DISTRICT SHARPSHOOTERS EXPECT TO LAND PRIZES

Figure They Have a Chance in Individual Match at Sea Girt—Tournament This Year Should Be Greatest Ever.

By MAJOR JAMES E. BELL.

The official program of the Sea Girt shooting tournament of 1906, showing the events which are to take place between August 27 and September 6, inclusive, has just been issued.

The largest and most interesting rifle tournament ever held in America was that which took place on this same range in September of last year. Teams representing most every State and portion of the United States were gathered there. The Hawaiian National Guard and that from Porto Rico were found lined up before the targets, both making a very fair showing when the facilities for practice for the event were taken into consideration.

Teams from States making no pretensions to skill in the rifle shooting fraternity were there—few of them having any expectation other than that of seeing how the thing was done—and learning from the experience gained by rubbing up against the big fellows from New York, the army, and Ohio.

Money Well Spent.

It cost much money to transport those teams to and from Sea Girt, but there was not a dollar wasted. It did the country more good in the way of educating our young men how to shoot and building up an army of sharpshooters than could have been accomplished in a decade of ordinary training.

The meeting this year is expected to show some of the results of what was learned last season and the fact that Congress has made the crowning stroke—the most wise appropriation of an additional million of dollars to the Dick bill—has raised a whirlwind of enthusiasm which every one hopes will result in making us a nation of sharpshooters. That which is accomplished in the present tournament will stand as an evidence of the progress due to Uncle Sam having taken a hand in building up this bulwark upon which he may securely rely in case of need.

Busy Selecting Teams.

The work of team building is now in full blast. New York won from the Army by a narrow margin last year. New York and Ohio have both determined to carry off the national trophy this time. Others are making preparations to the same end, but none more thoroughly and systematically than the teams from the regular establishments. They are all in camp on the ranges and have been for the past two months, studying every phase of the fine points in overcoming adverse conditions of light and wind. On the mastery of these points rests victory or defeat.

The New Yorkers are famous for their ability to juggle wind and mirage, and to this they attribute their frequent victories. Their team members shoot all winter and keep in touch with every character of change made in the experience of riflemen on the range. The team that does not have an equal opportunity, may, by striking ideal conditions, come in a winner, but such occurrences are rare.

District Is Hopeful.

The team from the District of Columbia is hard at work, and doing fairly well, and some of its members have high hopes of being up in the bunch of winners, but from the fact that they will not likely have the time that many other of the State teams have for practice, it is hardly fair to expect them to forge to the front and be able to overcome the training of the more fortunately situated marksmen.

Nothing but an accident, or rather, a mistake in judgment, prevented the District team from being among the winners last season. The team voted to a man to run the last skirmish in the afternoon, when the sun was almost down and the silhouettes were hardly discernible, rather than risk the following morning for finishing its score. No one doubts, who is familiar with the subject, the fact that to have waited until next morning would have resulted in sufficient points to the team's advantage to have placed it in fifth place. That's the way rifle victories are won and lost—chance.

All on Same Footing.

The arrangements for the shoot at Sea Girt this year are such as to place all of the teams on very nearly the same footing as regards chance. Consequently we look and hope for the best. The officers and men who constitute the team have been in practice—at odd times—since the range opened on May 1, and no doubt much in the way of the fine points of long range work has been pretty well mastered.

Only twice have the men practiced as a team, and both times the scores were much larger than those made in the national match of last year. New rifles have been provided and the same kind of ammunition as that which is to be issued in the matches is being fired in practice.

The plan adopted in practice is a radical departure from the old system, where a coach was provided to direct the shooting. The rules of the national match permit no communication with the men after they commence their score, consequently the two who are shooting partners, if they expect to make good scores, must be thoroughly in accord, understanding each other's peculiarities and be able to coach and keep themselves on the target.

List of Events.

The first match in which the Brigade team will shoot is the Dryden trophy. The eight strongest team members will be selected for this contest, which takes place Saturday, September 1. The distances are 200, 600, and 1,000 yards, ten shots per man at each distance. Several companies of the Guard have signified their intention to enter teams in the company match, which takes place Monday, August 27, also in the company two match of Wednesday, August 23. The regimental skirmish match of Thursday, August 30, will have at least one team from the District of Columbia, as well as the regimental team match of Friday, August 31.

The individual match of the national series is receiving the attention of all the National Guard and army riflemen.

being the greatest attraction in point of prizes ever offered in a shooting contest in America. The first prize of \$1,000 in cash, as well as a gold medal, is making almost all of them "sit up and take notice." It is believed that at least two members of the District brigade team stand a fair show of being winners.

Great Enthusiasm Here.

A visit to the range of the District National Guard will convince anyone that a large amount of soldierly work is being done out there. Nearly 1,000 officers and enlisted men have fired their official scores this season, which will bring the record of the brigade up in the neighborhood of what General Harries expected of it when he issued his famous order establishing a camp of instruction on the range.

It has caused a flurry among the poor shots, many of whom make weekly pilgrimages to the range on Saturdays, which is the open practice day. Nearly 150 men fired voluntary scores last Saturday.

CAPITAL CITY NOTES

The Athletics drew a couple of notches nearer the leaders during the week. They are asserting that they will win the cup offered by John R. Brown, the league's former president.

St. Stephen's Institute team has gone down several pegs. Aloysius passed them during the week.

The National Athletics threaten, if they continue their winning streak, to pass the Athletics. They beat the Columbus in one of the prettiest games pulled off yet.

The Hook playing with the National Athletic Club is not the same one that plays with the Columbia Club.

"Lefty" Cleveland showed the men in last place the way out of the forest. His pitching was easily the feature. The crowd was with him all the way.

St. Stephen's Institute pitched the youngster, Wilhelm, who formerly pitched on the Wilmington team, of the United States Squadron.

"Jimmie" Conway, one of the most faithful of the old Nationals, is on the hospital list with a couple of bolts, which interfere with his throwing wing. He will be back shortly.

It is rumored that Mattingly has tired of the national pastime and is out for good.

Tommy Myers has been transferred to the St. Stephen's Institute team with the consent of the manager of the Nationals and the league. He is a big help to them behind the willow.

Heinrich, the short field man of the St. Stephen's team, is not afraid to go after anything that comes even near his territory, and bids fair to make a fast shortstop. He should get over that tendency to throw the ball away when chance offers, however.

Pinnegar, formerly with Carroll Institute, when that team was a member of the league, has joined the Aloysius boys, as a utility infielder.

Storzer has returned from the Virginia League, where he had a good try-out and had several offers to stay, but the climate did not agree with him so he had to beat it.

Baggett, the diminutive backstop for Aloysius, gives every indication of being a good catcher, and should make good if he will only stick to the amateur ranks a little longer.

Bishop, the new addition in the center patch for the Athletics, wrenched his foot severely during the Aloysius game, and was laid out for a time.

Hurley, the Rock Hill College boy, who is holding down third for the Jesuit boys, was badly cut up in a practice game the early part of last week, and was out of a couple of games. He is too good a man to be laid up just now.

Maurice O'Connor, the hard-working manager of the Columbia team, is willing to wager that his club will win the flag, notwithstanding the whirlwind rush of the Athletics. He has had no takers thus far.

The Columbia-National game was played off in record time for this league, sixty-five minutes being all the time that was required to negotiate the nine sessions.

Frank McCormick, upon whose shoulders has fallen part of the maintenance of the National Athletic Club, showed his superiority in the field by nailing everything that was near him.

Mack, the new second-base artist for the Nationals, pulled down a line from Fletcher's that looked so good that old "Boss" was laughing as he ran to first base at the ease with which he had put one over second.

Larry Ricker was the happiest man on the field, when after the way the crowd was kidding him he lost the ball in the right field weeds and won the game. It certainly did sound sweet to him when his sycamore met Hil-leary's delivery.

Charley Salb should watch his game more and cease trying to catch men off bases when his team is in tight quarters. Long chances generally meet with failure.

A score of double-headers are on tap for the ensuing week, as it is the wish of the league to close up as near the schedule time as possible.

That Indian prince who has just come to this country is said to have an income of \$5,000,000 a year. If he stays in New York a few days, he will no doubt find it necessary to ask for a raise.

IS THIS THE COMING HEAVY CHAMP?



SAM BERGER TRAINING WITH JIMMY BRITT.
Berger Meets Jack O'Brien Tomorrow Night in Philadelphia for Six Rounds.

NATIONALS WIN FIRST AND DROP THE SECOND

(Continued from Second Page.)

Stanley walked. Turner juggled Nill's drive, which put Nill on first, Stanley on second, and Smith on third. Cross forced Nill, but Smith got home. Cross and Stanley got away with the double steal. Bemis threw to centerfield, trying to stop the play, whereupon Stanley leaped home and Cross went in third. Anderson filed to left, bringing in Cross, and then stole second, but the snap ended when Turner threw Schiafy out at first.

Three Singles—One Run.

Washington got its last run in the fourth round. Stabi singled, Wakefield sacrificed him, he went to third on Smith's single and completed the circuit on Stanley's fly after Altizer had walked. Stanley and Nill filed out.

Cleveland made its third run in the seventh session. Bradley singled, Bemis did easily; Rhoades singled, Flick filled and Bay singled, filling the bases. Nill booted Turner's whack and Bradley came home. Lajoie's pop was a snap for Altizer. Three singles and one run.

The game was sewed up in the ninth. Bemis drove cleanly to left and Rhoades sacrificed. Flick's blister to right brought in Bemis with the tying run. Flick was doubled up on Bay's fly.

Four Thrilling Rounds.

The next four innings were thrillers. Washington got a hit in each, but fast work by the Naps' infield and outfield kept the lucky hitters from advancing too far, although Nill got as far as third in the tenth session. Cleveland got a hit in the tenth and eleventh, but none in the twelfth. In the thirteenth, the game was tied 2-2. In the fourteenth, first, Jackson popped one over Smith's head, but the pitcher made no effort to reach it and it went for a hit. Jackson went to second on Bradley's fly, and scored what proved to be the winning run on Bemis' safe thump to left. Bemis went to second on the futile throw to catch Jackson, and came in on Rhoades third single. Flick hit to center but Bay stopped the procession by a graceful exit, Schiafy to Stahl.

Score of Second Game.

	W.	L.	P.	A.
Washington	5	0	5	6
Altizer, ss.	5	0	5	6
Stanley, rf.	5	0	5	6
Nill, cf.	5	0	5	6
Cross, 3b.	5	0	5	6
Anderson, lf.	5	0	5	6
Schlafty, 2b.	5	0	5	6
Stahl, 1b.	5	0	5	6
Wakefield, c.	5	0	5	6
Smith, p.	5	0	5	6
Kitsom, p.	5	0	5	6

	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Cleveland	9	4	11	39	17	24
Cleveland, rf.	9	4	11	39	17	24
Bay, cf.	9	4	11	39	17	24
Turner, ss.	9	4	11	39	17	24
Lajoie, 2b.	9	4	11	39	17	24
Cross, 3b.	9	4	11	39	17	24
Jackson, lf.	9	4	11	39	17	24
Schlafty, 2b.	9	4	11	39	17	24
Bemis, c.	9	4	11	39	17	24
Rhoades, p.	9	4	11	39	17	24

Washington	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Cleveland	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2
Earned runs—Washington, 1; Cleveland, 5. First base on errors—Washington, 1; Cleveland, 1. Left on bases—Washington, 3; Cleveland, 3. First base on balls—Off Rhoades, 3. Struck out—By Smith, 5; by Rhoades, 2. Three-base hit—Schlafly. Two-base hits—Lajoie, Rossman, Cross, Nill, Wakefield. Sacrifice hits—Wakefield, Rhoades, Cross. Stolen bases—Stanley, Cross, Anderson. Double play—Nill to Stahl. Hit by pitcher—By Smith, 1. Umpire—Hurst. Time of game—2 hours and 30 minutes. Attendance—7,364.												

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Little George Nill was surely the big man of the day. What with putting out two nice singles, then a double just to vary the monotony, assisting in the only double play of the game, and then pulling that screamer off the heads of the center field crowd, which saved the occasion for the time being, he was in sooth a most busy individual.

And as long as we are discussing the situation, it is well to have it repeated that Jake Stahl was also among those present, as was evident more especially in the first battle. Of course, he didn't get three or four home runs, but neither did he act muttish when Tim made several of his execrably putrid rulings.

ST. PETER'S CROWD BEAT HOLY NAME AGGREGATION

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St. Vincent	9	4	5	6
St. Patrick	9	4	5	6
St. Peter	9	4	5	6
Immaculate	9	4	5	6
Holy Name	9	4	5	6

Tomorrow's game—Immaculate Conception vs. Trinity, at McDevitt's Field, Lincoln and Rhode Island Avenues northeast.

The St. Peter's team won another fine game from the Holy Name aggregation yesterday evening by 7 to 3. Zirkle's fine slash work enabled them to capture the game only after a grueling struggle. He struck out seventeen men. Manager Langley, of the winning club, made a fine catch in the second inning in right field. Loeffler continued his batting streak, ripping off three timely singles which helped materially in the scoring. The score:

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*Two out when winning run was scored.											
St. Peter.....	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	7	
Holy Name.....	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	6	
Earned runs—St. Peter, 2. First base by errors—St. Peter, 2; Holy Name, 2. Left on bases—St. Peter, 3; Holy Name, 4. First base on balls—Off Zirkle, 4; of Taylor, 1. Struck out—By Zirkle, 5; by Taylor, 3.											

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Christ Church.....	1	0	0	0	—
Highlanders.....	3	4	1	6	3—
Earned runs—Highlanders, 12; Christ Church, 1. First base by errors—Highlanders, 3; Christ Church, 2. Left on bases—Highlanders, 4; Christ Church, 8. First base on balls—Off Litchfield, 3; Off America, 2; on Johnson, 1. Innings pitched—By Litchfield, 3; by America, 1; by Johnson, 1. Hits—					

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ENGLISH HORSE OWNERS BOYCOTT SANDOWN TRACK

Follow Trade Union Lines in Enforcing Demands for Better Treatment—Shocked by Loss of Grand Challenge Cup.

LONDON, July 14.—The work of getting together a racing stable for his royal highness the Prince of Wales already has begun.

Lord Marcus Beresford has been entrusted with the task, and it can be said with no fear of contradiction that no better man could have been chosen. Already several high-bred youngsters have been purchased, notably a Diamond Jubilee colt and a Melton filly, and the winners will be added from time to time, until the Prince of Wales' string will be worthy the owner. His majesty, it is understood, has given his consent to have his trainer, March, look after his son's horses, and later in the season H. R. H. will doubtless take his place in the list of winning owners.

All of aquatic England is in the doleful dumps because the Belgians have captured the Grand Challenge Cup. Explanations are as to the blame for the loss, and a few frankly acknowledge that the winners were successful because they were the better crew. It had come to be accepted that the cup belonged to England, and while foreign crews might be tolerated to give the race an international character, they were not expected to do so shocking a